

DIVERSEY WYANDOTTE CORPORATION

On June 2, 1989, Christopher Johnson, Kenneth Smith, and Nosa Omoruyi conducted a follow-up inspection of Diversey Wyandotte Corporation (Diversey) located at 8921 Dice Road in Santa Fe Springs, California. The purpose of the inspection was to assess the progress that Diversey had made toward compliance with the May 12, 1989, Official Notice of Violation.

Upon arriving at Diversey at approximately 3:00 p.m. we met Richard Galle, the plant manager at the Santa Fe Springs address. Mr. Johnson informed Mr. Galle of the purpose of the visit. Mr. Galle, escorted us to the southeastern part of the yard where we observed three above ground storage tanks (refer to map area I). Below the northern most storage tank soil had been excavated exposing underground pipes leading from the tank to the main building. Inside the hole was a 5 gallon bucket that contained a red liquid which had evidently drained from the broken pipe. This was the same leak (of kerosine based oil) which Mr. Johnson and Anthony Payne had observed during the May 12, 1989 inspection. There was visible soil contamination around the pipes which appeared to still be leaking the material. Mr. Galle informed us that Diversey had retained Thorne Environmental as a consultant. He stated that soil around the pipe leak had been removed to reveal a much greater amount of ground contamination than originally expected.

Mr. Galle explained that the contamination was found to be a result of a series of pinhole leaks in the pipes leading from the tanks to the building. He stated that Thorne Environmental was currently in the process of preparing a more extensive site assessment and mitigation plan. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Galle why our department had not been supplied with a site assessment work plan prior to the removal of the soil. Mr. Galle was under the impression that such a plan had been prepared. Mr. Omoruyi informed Mr. Galle that the contaminated soil was not being stored properly and that it must be covered or placed in drums and labeled properly. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Omoruyi continued the inspection and observed leaking drums, open containers, unlabeled drums, and wastes on the ground (including a large pool of pH 14 liquid on the ground on the northwest part of the yard (refer to map area II) which was leaking from the paved portion of the yard down to the soil area below the yard). Mr. Smith informed Mr. Galle of the seriousness of the violations which were still present at this site. Mr. Johnson advised Mr. Galle that Diversey Wyandotte had failed to comply with many of the provisions of the Official Notice of Violation which was issued on May 12, 1989. Mr. Galle stated that he was aware of the problem and that he was actively working to correct it. Mr. Galle was informed that a more thorough inspection of the storage yard was needed. Because of the time constraints that day would have to be conducted at a later date.

Mr. Galle was asked to keep Mr. Johnson informed of any progress made toward the clean-up. We departed from the facility at 4:00 p.m..